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LOK SABHA

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EXPERT COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE MILITARY SITUATION IN J & K
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has set up two expert committees to examine the ground situation of Jammu & Kashmir and undertaken a review of the armed Forces Special Powers Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these expert committees have recommended for demilitarization in Jammu & Kashmir;

(d) if so, the details of recommendations made by the said committees separately; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): There have been demands and reports, from time to time, about reduction in the level of security force deployment in Jammu and Kashmir in view of the overall improvement in the security environment. The approach of the Government is to ensure that the deployment of security forces is related to the scale of problems and requirements on the ground. In this context, it has been decided to constitute a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Defence Secretary to examine the overall situation and security forces deployment in the light of the approach of the Government as stated above and to determine whether there is need to relocate and configure the existing security forces deployment.

The Committee would also conduct a parallel exercise to review the application of the Armed Forces (Jammu and Kashmir) Special Powers Act 1990 to different areas of J&K. The review would be carried out in conformity with the legal requirement of a periodic review of the application of the Act.

(c) to (e): The Report of the Committee has not yet been submitted to the Government.